

City Streets and Meadow Lands Covered With Water

Rivers High in Consequence of Continuous Rains—Damage is Great and Further Loss is Expected to Result

New York, Oct. 9.—Never since they began to keep official tab on the weather in these parts was New York ever deluged by such a rain storm as that which set in yesterday morning and stopped about 3:55 o'clock this afternoon. Not only was it a record-breaker as to the volume of water that fell, but it also broke all records as a knocker-out of railroads. The oldest railway official on any road running into New York or passenger connections with it cannot remember a plain, ordinary, everyday rain storm putting so many railroads out of business for so long a time as this one did. In addition immense damage was done by the resulting flood in New York, Brooklyn and cities along the Hudson in New Jersey and on Long Island. Probably several million dollars damage in the aggregate was done.

The storm seriously interfered with traffic on every road having connection with this city and it put the Erie out of business entirely. Not a train ran either west of east over that line from early this morning, and it was said at the general superintendent's office shortly after midnight that none of the divisions would be open before daylight. The worst thing about the situation on the Erie was that the telegraph and telephone wires along the line of the road were down, and the officials had not been able up to 5 o'clock this afternoon to tell just the extent to which their property had been damaged.

The rain came down for about 30 hours, most all the time in veritable sheets, and the official measurement of the rainfall at the end of the deluge was 19.04 inches, breaking all records in the history of the weather bureau. The weather bureau report says that the extreme heavy rainfall prevailed all over the middle Atlantic states and was the result of two fully developed storms passing on either side of this section. No other part of the country had the deluge which covered the middle Atlantic states from Virginia to northern New York. New York city had the great rainfall, Atlantic City and Albany following close behind; but it is quite probable that all the immediate territory received equally heavy falls.

The Delaware Rising Rapidly

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 9.—Much damage has already been done in this vicinity by today's floods, and the rapidity with which the Delaware river is rising tonight portends more serious consequences before there is any abatement. Houses and factories in many sections of this city have been flooded, and railroad and trolley traffic impeded. The bursting of a dam at Kirby's mill, about three miles south of this city this morning, did about \$10,000 damage, carrying away one bridge across Hutchinson's pond entirely and partly wrecking an iron structure. The southwest corner of the mill was carried away by the freshet, and with it a quantity of stored

Gen. Matt Ransom Made a Master Mason

The Grand Old Man Completes a Journey Which He Began in Early Manhood. Distinguished Masons Assist in the Ceremonies

Warrenton, N. C., Oct. 9.—Special. One of the most notable events in the Masonic life of North Carolina took place here last night. For some weeks Johnston-Caswell Lodge, No. 10, A. F. and A. M. has had in contemplation the meeting which was held in their hall last evening. In 1849 Gen. M. W. Ransom took two of the degrees in Masonry and owing to unavoidable circumstances did not take the master's degree. Some years ago Johnston-Caswell Lodge was suspended. At the last session of the grand lodge it was revived and given the numerical standing it had at revolutionary times.

wheat. The mill owner estimates his loss at several thousand dollars. The new bridge of the Pennsylvania across the Delaware is now completed and no apprehension is felt on this account. The old bridge, which was the occasion of trouble in time of freshets, is now being dismantled. Reports here tonight are that the river is rising rapidly all the way to Phillipsburg with the prospect of being further augmented by the waters of the Lehigh. Even should the rains cease tonight the river would not reach its highest point, for from 24 to 36 hours. Persons living near the river are preparing to leave their homes at a moment's warning, and in some cases the waters are now up to their houses.

Rising Waters Surround Houses

Elizabeth, N. J., Oct. 9.—One hundred families are homeless here tonight as the result of the overflow of the Elizabeth river into the streets of the city this afternoon. This morning as a result of the unprecedented rain, all the low lying meadow land was submerged. The river, normally a narrow stream, encircles the town, and this afternoon the water reached a height of five feet in some of the principal streets. Pressure of water in a sewer caused the manhole to be blown off and the water spouted upward. The fire department was called out at 5 o'clock this morning to assist in the work of rescuing people marooned in their houses. Boats were quickly pressed into service and people were rescued. In many cases through second story windows. Invalids were taken to the hospitals in ambulances. The city hall and the armory were thrown open and persons not otherwise cared for were provided with necessities. The people will be fed at the expense of the city.

Not a trolley car is running in the city or on any of the lines leading out of the city. The floors of the cars were awash in many places and later an order was issued suspending traffic for the day. The public service power house is so full of water that the fire in the boilers has been quenched. The city is in darkness tonight except in a few stores. No trains are running on the Jersey Central between this city and Newark because the meadows are flooded and the tracks are under several feet of water. The freshet from up the country slightly decreased at 7 o'clock and the water has fallen half an inch. It is feared that when the tide begins to rise tonight in the river there may be a worse flood and much damage done.

Rahway, N. J., Oct. 9.—The tremendous rainfall of the last twenty-four hours has caused a rapid rise of the river, the land along the river and streets leading to it in lower Rahway are flooded to such an extent that row boats are in use to get people out and in their dwellings. Great damage has been done and fears are entertained for tonight at high water hour, 11:30. From lower Main street to Rahwayport, over a mile, the land is inundated and many houses are surrounded by water.

Newburg, N. Y., Oct. 9.—The steady twenty-four hour rain here has done great damage in this section. Quasanic creek, coming in at the west end of the city, is a roaring torrent and factories have been badly damaged. The West Shore is blocked completely, no trains passing either way. The New York Central is also tied up and both branches of the Erie have stopped running.

At Washingtonville on the old Newburg branch, there are five thousand feet of track under water. The fires in the engine of the newspaper train this morning on the West Shore were put out when the train tried to go through the seven feet of water below Haverstraw. From the back country in all directions come reports of bridges washed away and great damage done.

BOY DID NOT KNOW

Ed. Hanner Fired a Gun and Killed His Cousin

Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 9.—Special. Ed. Hanner, aged 10 years, shot and killed Henry Hanner, his 10-year-old cousin, this morning at 11 o'clock at a brick yard in East Gorrell street. The boys were playing with a shotgun that they didn't know was loaded when the fatal shot was fired. The wounded boy lived only a short time. His body was removed to his home a short distance away and Coroner Turner viewed the remains. He found that the load entered the stomach. An inquest was not considered necessary. Several people at the brick yard saw the shooting. The youthful slayer was arrested at his home and locked up to await a hearing before the mayor at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Confessions of a Priest

Rev. John S. Cox, of Wake, Ark., writes, "For 12 years I suffered from Yellow Jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for twelve years." If you want a reliable medicine for Liver and Kidney trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by all druggists.

Two Deaths in Charlotte

Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 9.—Special. Within a few hours of each other two prominent business men of Charlotte died suddenly today. John R. Readman, a photographer, who came to Charlotte from New York seven years ago, died of apoplexy shortly after 10 o'clock. He leaves a wife. He was a pupil of Sarony. Leander Todd was found dead in his bed at the home of his daughter. He was sixty-five years old and was a useful citizen.

Christianity and Castle Out of Public Service

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Mr. Payne refused to grant the request during the process of the investigation of postal service scandals and asked Assistant Attorney General Robb for a report on Mr. Christianity's official conduct. The postmaster general was later informed by Mr. Robb that no evidence had been adduced impugning the honesty of Mr. Christianity, and there is, therefore, no good reason why his resignation should not be accepted. The postmaster general this afternoon, in a brief note, advised Mr. Christianity that his resignation would be accepted.

Henry A. Castle, for more than six years' auditor for the post office department, has tendered his resignation and it has been accepted by the secretary of the treasury, to be effective when his successor is appointed. Auditor Castle directed his letter of resignation to the president, but the reply of acceptance was sent by Secretary Shaw, a very curt letter without a word of commendation of his services. While Auditor Castle attributed "poor health" as his reason for resigning it is generally accepted that he was forced out by reason of his connection with the charges of Seymour W. Tulloch, as will be set forth in the report of Messrs. Bonaparte and Conrad, attorneys appointed by the president to go over the charges filed by the former cashier of the Washington post office. In reply to a question as to whether his resignation had been induced by any charges connected with the investigation into the affairs of the post office department, Mr. Castle replied in the negative.

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made Warren county's hospitality known far and wide. The menu embraced every variety of food, birds, turkey, oysters, salads, cakes, etc. At the end of the feast Mr. M. J. Hawkins, master of Johnston-Caswell lodge and toast master, arose and in a few well chosen words presented Mr. B. G. Green, who extended a delightful welcome to the visitors.

Grand Master Clark responded eloquently to Masonry in North Carolina and then en. Ransom spoke to the toast of Warren county. His was a magnificent address, paying great tribute to Warren county and her people. The history and glorious deeds of Warren county's sons and the beauty and virtues of her daughters were eloquently spoken of by Warren's distinguished son.

Prof. J. T. Alderman, who was very active in assisting to re-establish Johnston-Caswell lodge, responded to the toast of Johnston-Caswell lodge. He gave a delightful history of this ancient branch of the order, told of its anti-revolutionary origin and told of the good men who had been members of it.

Under the toast of the Masonic temple Judge Francis D. Winston delivered a very witty address, which captured the audience and was received with rounds of applause. Hon. Claude Kinchin's response to the toast of "The Good Effect of Masonry on Citizenship" was a pure gem of splendid thoughts clothed in delightful words. He caught the company in his short address and added much to his reputation as a good speaker. Mr. John H. Kerr responded to the toast of the old time southern gentleman, who was pictured in the life of Mr. W. J. Norwood, our excellent host. Mr. Kerr's speech was one of the best of the many really good speeches that he ever made.

This closed the crowning pleasure and it was unanimously declared by all that Johnston-Caswell lodge, the officers, members and committees had given the visitors a most happy and hospitable entertainment. It was indeed a great occasion. It means a revival of the ancient order in this old county, renowned for its great and good people.

It speaks in eloquent praise of Johnston-Caswell lodge that North Carolina's greatest citizen, her bravest soldier, should at life's sunset seek to add to his renown by membership on its rolls, and who on yesterday completed a Masonic journey which commenced in his early manhood.

Saves Two From Death

"Our little daughter had almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Haviland, of Armonk, N. Y., "but, when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had Consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and to-day she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as no other medicine on earth. Infallible for Coughs, and Colds. 50c. and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by all druggists. Trial bottle free.

COLLEGE GIRLS SCRAP

Sophomores Try to Rush Freshmen Off the Platform

Topeka, Kas., Oct. 9.—On the big stage of the Washburn College chapel, in front of an audience of 500 people, there was a fierce fight between the girls of the freshman and sophomore classes, in which thirty-five sophomore girls tried to rush forty freshman girls off the platform. Tables and chairs were overturned, the president's chair was smashed to pieces; clothes were torn, hats were lost and eyes blacked in the fierce rough and tumble fight.

It was at least twenty minutes before the faculty could separate the two bands and restore peace.

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Hickory, N. C., Oct. 9.—Special.—A new bank has been organized here. It will be chartered under the state laws and named the Hickory Banking and Trust Company. J. F. Abernethy of the firm of Abernethy & Whitener, grocers and hvyymen, is to be president; George U. Hutton of Hutton & Bourbonnais, lumber manufacturers, vice-president, and W. C. Kenyon (who will remove here from Newton, N. C.), cashier. The present capital stock is \$35,000. The managers expect to have the bank open for business in ten days. Eight or ten citizens of the town are among the stockholders.

This is regarded as a very desirable location for a new banking enterprise. The First National Bank, with a capital stock of \$75,000, has supplied all necessary facilities up to this time, but the town is enjoying such a steady and marked growth as to attract the attention of outside capitalists.

Broke Into His Goods

S. Le Quinn of Cavendish, Vt., was robbed of his customary health by invasion of Chronic Constipation. When Dr. King's New Life Pills broke into his house, his trouble was arrested and now he's entirely cured. They're guaranteed to cure, 25c at all druggists.

CREDITORS SIGN

Progress Made Toward Adjustment of Affairs of Williams and Middendorf

Baltimore, Oct. 9.—Developments today in connection with the affairs of John L. Williams & Sons of Richmond and J. W. Middendorf & Co. of Baltimore have greatly advanced the work of the committee of bankers which is arranging for the extension of credit asked for by these two houses. Mr. Eppa Hunter, Jr., of Richmond, one of the committee, announced that all the creditors of the two firms in Richmond had signed the agreement to grant the extension asked, with the exception of one institution, and the management of that was only awaiting the formality of a meeting of directors to pass upon the decision to sign. The Baltimore creditors of the two firms also signed the agreement very

Gone West With Hearst

Salisbury, N. C., Oct. 9.—Special. Senator Lee S. Overman and Congressman Theo. F. Kluttz left Salisbury last night for Chicago, where they will join the company of gentlemen invited by W. R. Hearst of the New York American for an extended tour of the southwest, including New Mexico. Mr. Whitehead Kluttz, son of Congressman Kluttz, also received an invitation to accompany his father and left last night for the purpose of joining the party in Chicago. It is expected that they will be away several weeks. The trip will be made in a special train provided by the New York publisher.

Entertainment by Normal Girls

Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 9.—Special. Monday night the students of the State Normal and Industrial College gave a characteristic North Carolina entertainment, representing the state in her history, progress, industries, institutions and her kin. This entertainment will be given to the guests of the state who are in the city to attend the first reunion of non-resident natives. The entertainment will begin at 8 o'clock and will last but one hour, giving the guests time to reach the reception at reunion headquarters.

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